



INDIANA STATE REPRESENTATIVE

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## Looking to the Future



Economic Development, Privatization

### Creating Good Jobs

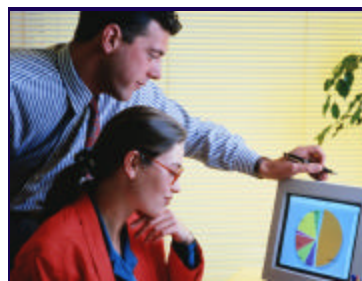
I helped pass the 50 percent state sales tax credit for businesses that purchase research and development equipment and voted to extend the use of tax abatements and TIF districts as economic development tools for local governments.

Purdue Research Park businesses like **Cook Biotech and Butler Engineering** are attracted to our community because of these incentives.

I also voted for the Indiana Economic Development Corporation and for the single sales factor for calculating corporate income tax. Both were instrumental in bringing **1,000 new Toyota Camry jobs to Lafayette's Subaru of America plant**.

While serving on the House Technology Committee I played an active role in the shaping of telecom deregulation in Indiana. As a direct result of this initiative, AT&T has announced plans to extend low-cost **DSL service to businesses and homes in the Town of Otterbein** in the very near future.

### Maintaining Good Jobs



Just as we work hard to create jobs, **we must work equally hard to keep good jobs right here in Indiana.**

That's why I will continue to scrutinize the privatization and outsourcing efforts of Governor Daniels and his administration.

The governor has sent billions of dollars to foreign and out-of-state companies as he has sold off various parts of our state government, including a toll road sale that will send all profits overseas for 75 years, a \$258 million food service contract with a company based in Pennsylvania and even a \$1.3 million deal with a Kansas company for road salt to use in bad weather. The governor is about to hand out a \$1 billion contract for family and social services.

**I will remain diligent in not only working to create good jobs but to keep current ones here in our community.**

Restoring School Funding, ISTEP Testing

### Quality Education for Our Children

I will work to pass a state budget that leaves no student, teacher or school corporation behind. The budget passed in 2005—which I voted **AGAINST**—raised the school tax levies in West Lafayette Schools by 5.2 percent, Benton Community Schools by 21.7 percent and Lafayette Schools by 3.6 percent. In our community it translated into larger class sizes, students with fewer opportunities and homeowners paying more in property taxes.

I will work toward a budget that doesn't discriminate against urban and rural schools and gives all Hoosier students the opportunity to learn and succeed.

I will also work to implement comprehensive reforms to our state's ISTEP testing program that include fewer testing days, fall diagnostic testing, spring evaluative testing, inclusion of social studies in ISTEP, computerized testing with quicker results and funding for summer

remediation of students. In addition, I will work to provide free textbooks for our children and families.



Helping Homeowners

### Long-Term Property Tax Relief

I supported a plan in this year's legislative session that lowered local property taxes, but I know those taxes are still too high and too much of a burden for many people.

That's why I voted against the 2005 budget that at the time raised local property taxes by an estimated \$850 million and decreased

funding to many local schools. That budget resulted in local tax increases and forced many schools to eliminate teachers and programs.

This year's legislation provided one-time increases in the homestead credit and the deduction against a home's assessed value.

That helped many homeowners, but served as only a temporary solution.

I look forward to a discussion of long-term, meaningful property tax reform that does not negatively impact our local communities. I have heard your concerns on this matter, and it remains a priority to me.

Medical Insurance

### Affordable Health Care for All Hoosiers



**E**very Indiana citizen should have access to quality, affordable health care. It's something many people take for granted, but it's serious for those

850,000 Hoosiers who have no medical insurance and the thousands more who cannot pay the escalating premiums and deductibles.

I have supported plans that made prescription drugs more affordable, gave patients and doctors more of a say in treatment options and provided important early childhood screening

opportunities for our children.

The logical next step is to make Indiana a leader in providing its citizens with access to basic medical care.



# Working for a Stronger Indiana





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# Fighting for Higher Education

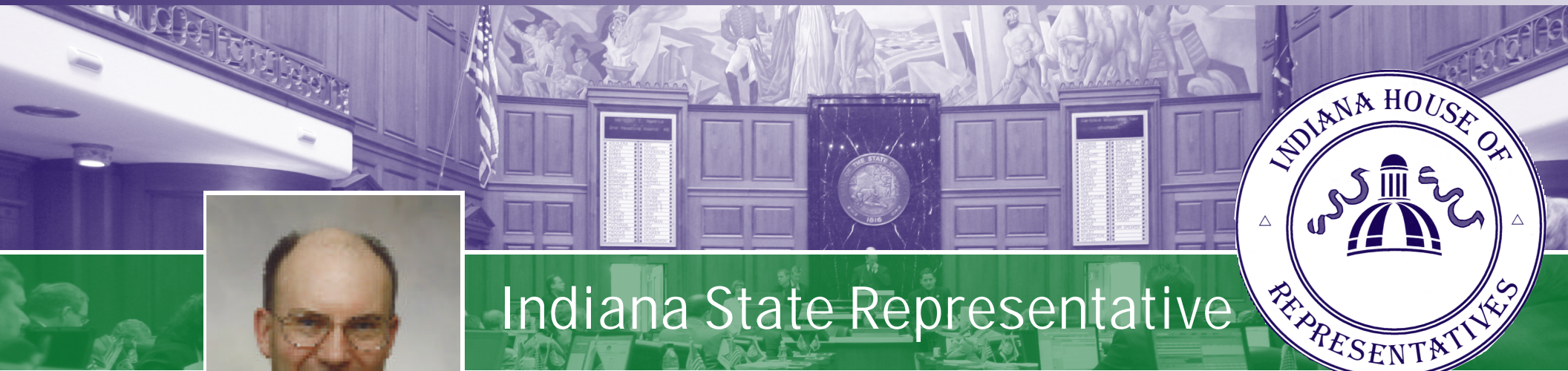
**I will continue to work diligently on behalf of Purdue University and IVY Tech, our faculty, staff and students. During the last two years...**

- I helped passed HEA1029, which allows Purdue to bond for up to \$60 million for much-needed repair and rehabilitation of university buildings.
- I supported SEA345, which provides an additional \$8 million in direct state payments for repair and rehab of those buildings. Both bills will mean hundreds of jobs for local building trade workers.
- I helped pass Indiana's new 20 percent college savings tax credit, which will provide significant incentives to Hoosier families saving for higher education.
- I co-sponsored SB230, which would have provided additional student loan options including lower fees and interest rates for Purdue students.
- I opposed cuts in state student aid for Purdue students from low-income households.
- I co-authored HB1224—the Aerospace and Aeronautics Initiative. It would have strengthened this vital sector of Indiana's economy by requiring the state to more aggressively compete for NASA funding on behalf of our universities and businesses.
- Most importantly, in 2005 I voted against HEA1001, which, for the first time in recent memory, flat-lined funding to Purdue, resulting in 6 percent tuition increases last year and next.

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Long-Term  
Property Tax  
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